Second Step

This year on Wednesday morning we will be having Second Step curriculum. Our Co- teacher for the program is Ms. Small. Our first four lessons cover our Bullying unit. We have discussed how to recognize, report and refuse bullying. Next week we will go over the importance to be a brave bystander that is going to help stop the situation and get the support that is needed from an adult. We have had some great discussions!

Fire Drill Today

We had fire drill this morning. The students did a very good job leaving the building quietly and efficiently. Please reinforce the message that we do these drills not because we are scared, but because knowing what to do helps to keep us safe.

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T.E.A.M. Report

Upcoming Dates:

**Picture Day-** Tuesday, Sept. 24

**PTO Meeting** – Tuesday, October 1 – 7:00-8:30

**Wildcat Fun Run** and **International Walk to School Day**– Wednesday, October 2

**PTO Book Fair** – Wed.-Fri., October 23-25

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Wed. & Thurs., October 23 & 24

**Half days**– Thurs. & Fri., October 24-25

**Pumpkin Festival**– Tues. & Wed., October 29-30

**Morton Arboretum Field Trip**–Wed., October 30

**Halloween Parade** – Thurs., October 31 - 12:30pm

**Curriculum**

***ELA (Reading / Writing and more)*** –*Reading Units of Study* has been a combination of mini lessons, discussing goals to work on during our Reading Workshop time, how to have a productive conversation with our Reading partner about what we are reading, and what are the important details what we are reading. The class is doing a wonderful job engaging in their reading. Be sure to ask your child what he/she is reading in class.

In Writing Workshop, we have been growing our “seed stories” by telling them repeatedly in order to help us develop it. There is a significant difference in developing and writing a story that summarizes vs. a story that gives detail, dialogue and action causing the reader to feel like they are there. We are working on the later. In each writing session, we are developing our stamina so that the beginning of our narrative is just as strong as our ending. We look forward to sharing these interesting narratives with our peers in a month or so!!

***Math*** – Eureka Math is moving right along and our conceptual understanding of multiplication and division is solidifying. We are also working on multiplication fact 2s, 3s, and 4s. Please practice at home or in the car by skip counting by these numbers. This would be very helpful. We have also been working on using tape diagrams as a strategy to find the unknown in multiplication and division word problems. The students are working hard and seem to be doing a great job.

**Conferences Coming Next Month**

The conference schedule is available and thanks to those of you who have signed up. If you still need a time, please send me an email with a few possible times and I will put you down. I will attach the most recent schedule with this newsletter. Although it’s not on the schedule, I am also able to meet before school. I look forward to meeting with all of you!

**Fun Run-October 2**

This week you should have received a letter with an envelope attached explaining details about our Fun Run on Wednesday, October 2. This is one of our PTO’s biggest fundraisers and money is used to support extra programming at Whittier. The 3rd grade classes will be running from 1:50-2:25. If you are able to come by and cheer us on we would love to have you there. Thank you for your donations to this important cause. ☺